

# SENATE BILL No. 354

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## DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 10-17-14.

**Synopsis:** Hoosier women veterans program. Establishes the Hoosier women veterans program to provide information and services to Indiana's women veterans.

**Effective:** July 1, 2014.

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January 14, 2014, read first time and referred to Committee on Homeland Security, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning military and veterans.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 10-17-14 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE
- 2 AS A **NEW** CHAPTER TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE
- 3 JULY 1, 2014]:
- 4 **Chapter 14. Hoosier Women Veterans Program**
- 5 **Sec. 1. As used in this chapter, "coordinator" refers to the**
- 6 **Hoosier women veterans coordinator designated under section 7 of**
- 7 **this chapter.**
- 8 **Sec. 2. As used in this chapter, "department" refers to the**
- 9 **Indiana department of veterans' affairs established by**
- 10 **IC 10-17-1-2.**
- 11 **Sec. 3. As used in this chapter, "director" refers to the director**
- 12 **of veterans' affairs.**
- 13 **Sec. 4. As used in this chapter, "program" refers to the Hoosier**
- 14 **women veterans program established by section 6 of this chapter.**
- 15 **Sec. 5. As used in this chapter, "women veterans" means women**
- 16 **who:**



1           (1) served in the armed forces of the United States; and

2           (2) were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.

3       **Sec. 6. The Hoosier women veterans program is established**  
4 **within the department.**

5       **Sec. 7. The director shall designate a coordinator who is**  
6 **responsible for the administration of the program under the**  
7 **direction and supervision of the director.**

8       **Sec. 8. The program has the following purposes and duties:**

9           (1) Perform outreach to improve women veterans' awareness  
10          of eligibility for federal and state veterans' services and  
11          benefits.

12          (2) Assess the needs of women veterans with respect to  
13          benefits and services.

14          (3) Review programs, research projects, and other initiatives  
15          designed to address or meet the needs of Indiana's women  
16          veterans.

17          (4) Make recommendations to the director to improve benefits  
18          and services for women veterans.

19          (5) Incorporate women veterans' issues in strategic planning  
20          concerning benefits and services.

21       **Sec. 9. The department shall set the salary of the coordinator.**

22       **Sec. 10. The department shall adopt rules under IC 4-22-2 to**  
23 **implement this chapter.**

